

Pharmacy Intern (VALOR) Summer Program

Department of Veteran's Affairs- New York Harbor Healthcare System



Program Background:

This pharmacy internship was created as part of the VALOR program. The VALOR program was established in the 1980's as a way to increase retention and hiring rates of nursing students into the Veterans Affairs Health System. It has now been expanded to **pharmacy students**.

Requirements:

- Pharmacy student who has just completed their 4th year (2nd professional year)
- Be available to work 40 hours per week for 10 weeks (total of 400 hours). In certain instances an individual can be extended the following year for another 400 hours (for a total of 800 hours).
- Must be a U.S. citizen and meet physical examination standards.
- Must have and maintain a 3.0 grade point average

NOTE: Students with a service obligation to any Federal, State, or private institution, or recipients of any Federal scholarships are ineligible for the Pharmacy VALOR Program.

Location:

Pharmacy Benefits Management, Department of Veterans Affairs New York Harbor Healthcare System
423 E. 23rd Street, New York, NY 10010

Start Date:

The starting date may be flexible, but it is preferred that the student start soon after completing their 4th year. **Application deadline is March 19, 2010.**

Activities May Include:

- Conduct medication usage evaluations (MUE) on assigned drug(s).
- Work on drug or provider reports in excel
- Pharmaceutical Inventory Management- working with prime vendor reports on contract compliance
- Formulary management – prepare documents such as criteria for use, drug monographs, patient or provider letters, or participate in other drug decision making activities
- Summarize national documents for publication in VISN committee minutes
- Attend the following meetings depending on monthly schedule:
 - VISN P&T Committee
 - VISN MUE Committee
 - VISN Pain Management Committee
 - VISN Clinical Pharmacy Sub-Committee
 - Pharmacy Executive Board
 - VISN Formulary Leader's Conference
- Participate in one or more of the following site inspections
 - Controlled substance inspections
 - Pharmaceutical inventory management

- Emergency cache

Salary: The stipend for the 400 hour internship program is approximately \$8,800.

Contact Information:

For further questions please contact:

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All applications should be submitted to the above email address.